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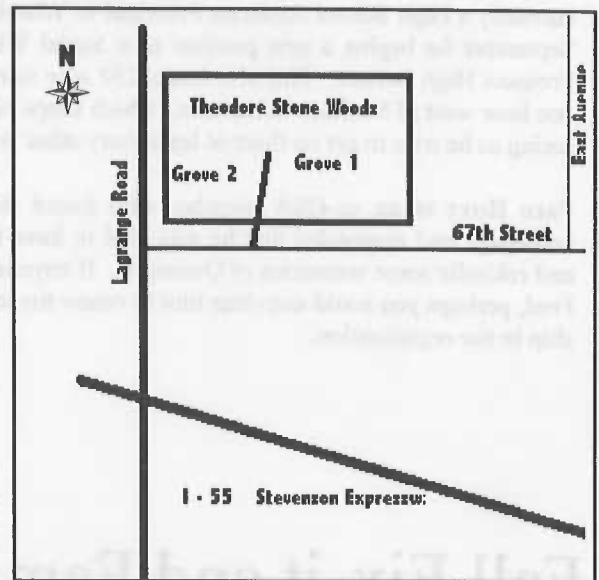
Summer 1996

Vibrations

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Once again it's time to pack up the coolers, kids, & charcoal, and celebrate another successful camping season at Owasippe. The OSA will once again sponsor the Annual Family Picnic on Sunday August 25th. This year's picnic will be held at Grove Number 1 in the Theodore Stone Woods. It is located just east of La-Grange Road on 67th Street. This has been the site of many OSA picnics in the past and is very easy to get to from all directions. The picnic will begin at 11:00 am and lasts until you want to call it a day. Bring a grill, some picnic food, cold drinks and plan to stay for the afternoon.

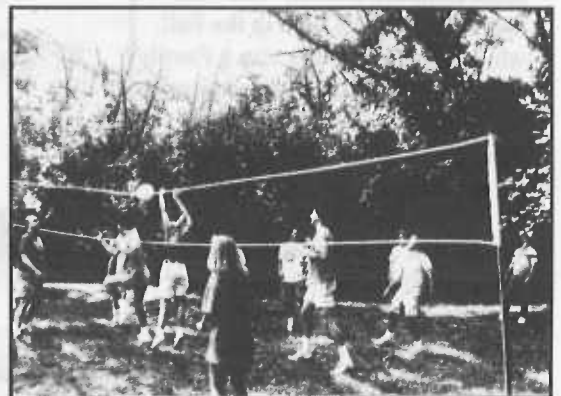
Children's games such as the Jell-O money hunt, water balloon toss, and a piñata will be held with lots of prizes for all. Games for the adults & teens (horseshoes, softball, volleyball, etc.) are on tap. Competitions in the past have included inter-camp rivalries, new staff vs. the old timers, guys against the girls, etc., and have all been a lot of fun. So here is your opportunity to call up some of your old buds, get together a camp reunion or maybe just round up a former cabin partner and head on out to the Annual Picnic.



Family Picnic, Sunday, August 25th



Laura, Karen, and Denine enjoy the afternoon
at an OSA Picnic



OSA Members enjoy a game of volleyball at a
past Annual Picnic

THE Galloping Grapevine

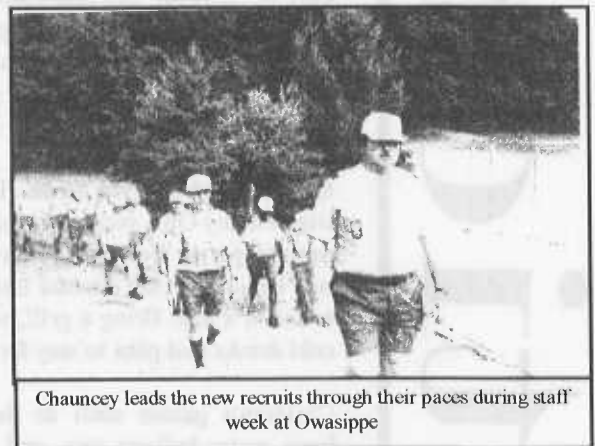
CURT ANDRICH checked in with the OSA via the Internet after reading about our homepage on the Web. He says that he has been selected as the project manager as the Fairfax Co. Police Department updates all of their voice and data radio systems, a 2-3 year project. Curt passes along a hello from himself, his wife Terri, and daughters Danielle and Megan. He will be in the Chicago area later in the year for meetings with Motorola.

PHIL KOEHL is another member contacting the OSA via the Internet. Phil is living in Hoffmann Estates and is currently a High School Assistant Principal in Wheeling. In September he begins a new position as a Social Worker at Prospect High School. Phil also has a 150 acre farm about one hour west of Madison Wisconsin. which keeps him busy seeing as he tries to get up there at least every other weekend.

FRED HOYT is an ex-OSA member who found the OSA homepage and responded that he was glad to have found it and rekindle some memories of Owaspippe. If anyone knows Fred, perhaps you could convince him to renew his membership in the organization.



Dave Strenski and his wife Paula are currently rehabbing this historic home in Ypsilanti Michigan



Chauncey leads the new recruits through their paces during staff week at Owaspippe

Fall Fix-it and Family Weekend

The OSA traditionally holds 2 Fix-it weekends at Owaspippe each year. One in Spring with the focus being on completing as many work projects as possible to prepare Owaspippe for the upcoming summer scout camping season. The second Work Weekend is held in the Fall, while being a Fix-it is also a Family Weekend. The work projects are usually smaller in scale than the Spring and can easily be completed on Saturday.

In addition to the work projects, a full program of family events are also planned. Hay Rides, nature walks, boating, fishing, campfire sing alongs, all have been held on past weekends. The Reneker pool will be open (weather permitting). This years Fall Fix-it and Family



JOE ALONSO FIXES SCREENS ON A RENEKER CABIN AT A FALL FIX-IT

Weekend will be held on September 27, 28, and 29 at

Owaspippe. Work projects center on closing down and preparing Owaspippe for the winter. Accommodations will be in Staff Village and Camp Reneker. Remember, Michigan weather can be cool in the fall and the Reneker Cabins are unheated so plan accordingly. Meals will be served for all workers and their families. Please call Michael Payne (708) 447-7409 or Art Paull (312) 445-2016 to reserve your spot today.



Owasippe Staff Cabin circa 1979. Nothing more pleasant than laying in your bunk with the breeze coming off Big Blue

Steve Schaefer Memorial Fund

Past staff members are aware of the fact that it is often difficult to work at summer camp and attend college in the off season. The Schaefer Memorial Fund has been supplying extra funds to staff members that are also attending college. You could help the current OSR staff members with their college expenses by donating to:

The Schaefer Memorial Fund

c/o Bill Schaefer
6448 Newark Ave.
Chicago, IL. 60631

TALENT NEEDED

Mike Drazba, The Property Superintendent at Owasippe, reminds us that the one for one weekend deal is still valid. For every weekend of volunteer work you put in at Owasippe, you can get a weekend of "playtime". Mike is especially in need of persons in building mechanical areas; HVAC, refrigeration, etc. Please call Mike at (616) 894-4061 if you can help or need further information.

Spring Fix-its Recap

During this past spring, The OSA sponsored two Fix-it Week-ends at Owasippe. The first was held on the traditional 3rd of May. projects on preparation for opening as section summer.riorated office was pletely torn rebuilt. was pre-primed in tion of a job. Elec-



JIM SCHLICHTING APPLIES A COAT OF PRIMER TO THE CARLEN LODGE AT SPRING FIX-IT I

work was performed at the lodge with the installation of new light fixtures. Over at the shop, Joe Klefeker and Leroy Fell, led their crew in fabricating a new stake truck bed frame and putting it into place on the



THE REBUILDING OF THE OFFICE AT THE CARLEN POOL WAS COMPLETED AT SPRING FIX-IT I

body.

The projects at the second weekend May 30 - June 2 saw the Carlen Lodge being painted. Interiors for 6 new staff cabins were completed. The transformers at Reneker were leveled on new concrete pads, and valves were replaced on the main water line at Camp Blackhawk.

Members enjoyed perfect weather for the fix-its, the company of good friends around the campfire, fishing and boating on Wolverine Lake and delicious food prepared by a crew led by Chris Drazba. Chris goes out of her way to provide us with menu planning, shopping, and preparation for the majority of our functions at Owasippe. The food is always delicious and plentiful and for all your work Chris were are grateful. Thank You!

Mark your calendar now to be at OWASIPPE July 18 and 19

Under the leadership of 85th Anniversary Chairman, Gordon P. Stiefel, the 1996 Anniversary Visit to Owasippe will be an event to remember! You need to plan to leave from Chicago about 7 AM. This will have you arriving at Owasippe just in time to purchase lunch at Noon, Eastern Daylight Savings Time. After lunch walking tours of the Ad Center complex will be available as well as tours of our various camps. At 2 PM, we will begin the dedication ceremony of the Staff Village as the Milton Gray Staff Village. Immediately after the ceremony you will be available to return to your hotel or tour the camp. Camp Blackhawk, Pat Monahan, Camp Director, will host campwide camp fire starting about 8:45 PM. Finally, back to the hotel. Day 2 is the Golf Outing. As soon as you finish your round, it will be time to leave for home, hotel or your choice. Catherine Chikow is managing the Golf Outing! Two days of folks returning home to Owasippe! Be part of History.....Be at Owasippe, JULY 18 & 19, 1996

OWASIPPE '96



Plan to be part of a world class event...

85th Anniversary

Owasippe Scout Reservation

Owasippe Staff Association



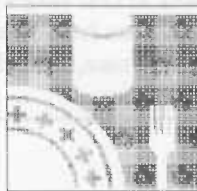
On the road to Owasisippe just after morning coffee....

On average, the drive to Owasisippe is about a 4 to 4.5 hour experience. Owasisippe is located just north of Muskegeon, Michigan. Exit at Russell Road on 31 North. make a right turn at the end of the ramp. Follow Russell Road direct to Owasisippe Administration Center. For more detail driving instructions, contact Gordie Stiefel, 708.246.5151.



Accommodations available at three area hotels

Please contact the hotel directly to make your own hotel reservation prior to July 1, 1996. Our contact person at each hotel is listed if you have any special needs. Please ask for the OWASIPPE room rate. Double J Resort, 616.894.4444, Marilyn Howland; Ramada Inn, 616 893 3030, Marie Daugherty; and Super 8 Motel 616.894.4848, Doreen Hannah. Call today!



Meal Service

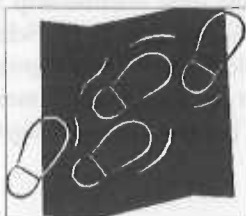
Meal Service will be available at Owasisippe in the Food Preparation Center. Meal Tickets will be available in the Ad Center. The White Lake Area is well known for its fine resort dining. Golf Outing lunch only is included in the cost of the outing!!



Owasippe Forty Golf Outing

The first annual Owasisippe Forty Golf outing will be held at the Double J Ranch Course on Friday with tee times starting at 9 AM EDT. Complete with cart, the 18 hole round of golf and lunch is just \$85.00. Golf Reservations must be made by July 1, 1996. This is a very popular and challenging rated Michigan Golf Course!!

85th Birthday Visit Reservation Form Must submit ASAP!



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City State Zip _____

Please check all activities you plan to attend:

☐ Milton Gray Village Dedication ☐ Camp Tours

☐ Owasisippe Forty Golf Outing \$85.00

Please enclose your check made payable to the Chicago Area Council BSA, PO BOX 279, Yorkville, IL 60560 with this form as soon as possible. Space is limited as it is our first GOLF OUTING!!!

The OSA welcomes it's newest members.

RONALD WILSON served on the Owasippe staff for 27 years. He recently returned to OSR for the second OSA Fix-it weekend this spring and promptly applied for admission into the OSA. Mr. Wilson is currently a Consultant in the medical diagnostic and device industry residing in Pennsylvania. Some of the highlights of Ron's quarter century (plus) service to Owasippe and the Chicago Area Council are presented below...

- 1945 First year on staff as Voyager on Stuart Aquatic Staff (Voyager's accompanied all canoe trips on the White River as water safety personnel when the unit had no qualified leader that was a Senior Life Guard or Water Safety Instructor).
- 1947 Camp Wilderness Factor (Factor's provided the food for all Wilderness units who did all their own cooking and purchased their food from the Factor's Store at Wilderness).
- 1948 Director of Distribution (Responsible for the purchase and distribution of all food to all camp kitchens, the Owasippe Office, drivers, and other staff) (Also responsible for Spring and Winter Camp as well as American Red Cross Aquatic Training Camp [these are no longer operated])
- 1955 Director of Services (Responsible for all non program operations that included Food Service, Maintenance, Transportation & Drivers and CampSet-up) this was the start of the Wolverine Operations.
- 1961 Became Professional Scouter - Director of Special Services in Council as well as continued above duties.
- 1965 Left Professional Scouting - Began week-end staff duties from April until November with responsibility for change over each week and general other duties, as well as Member of Council Camp Committee with responsibility for maintenance.

JAMES MALEBRANCHE resides in Plainfield, Illinois. He is married, and he and his wife Christine have two children, Jim and Julia. Jim works for the Chicago Board of Education and is the Options for Education Coordinator. Jim is active in scouting as a group leader and has been a volunteer at Owasippe since 1991 at Camp Blackhawk and the High Adventure Areas. This summer Jim will be a full time staff member and will serve as the High Adventure Director for the Reservation.

Jim's daughter Julia will also be working at Owasippe this summer as a CIT at Camp Reneker.

Congratulations and Welcome to both of our newest members. We would also like to say Thank You to all of our members who have been keeping their dues up to date and to those of you that have made the commitment of upgrading to Life Membership. Any questions about your membership status should be addressed to the Membership Chairman, Ron Kulak, C/O the P.O. Box

THE GRILLMASTERS



TENDING TO THE GRILL AT LAST YEAR'S STAFF APPRECIATION DINNER ARE (LEFT TO RIGHT) JERRY BROWN, SCOTT WEBER, MIKE PAYNE, AND TOM BUCKLEY

Staff Appreciation Dinner at Owasippe

The OSA will once again be sponsoring a staff appreciation dinner at Owasippe on Saturday, August 3rd. This year's fiesta is a little different than past events. An afternoon barbecue will be provided for the staff, followed by a beach party at Camp Blackhawk. Staff members will be able to enjoy food, music, swimming, and sailing all afternoon and evening.

The staff appreciation dinner is held annually at Owasippe and this year is being coordinated by the OSA Explorer Post. Through the dinner, the members of the Board of Directors have an opportunity to thank the staff for their ongoing contributions to Owasippe and to encourage their membership in the OSA. The OSA would like to thank Bill Schaeffer and Mike Drazba for allowing us to recognize the staff in this manner and to our Explorer Post members on the Owasippe Staff for putting this event together.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*I Hereby Submit My Request
to Register As A Member
and My Support of the
OSA's Purpose*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

Service at Owasppe:

YEAR	CAMP	POSITION

Scouting Background: _____

Employed By: _____

As a: _____

Marital Status: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Names & Ages: _____

Mail to:

OSA

P.O. Box 7097

Westchester, Illinois 60154

Attn: Membership

New Member \$15 _____

Renewal \$10 _____

Lifetime \$250 _____

OSA CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

Copies of Owasppe
Song Books
Dave Strenski
(313) 480-1587

WANTED

Lower Lake Camp
Neckerchiefs
Pat Troy
(708) 257-6967

WANTED

Owasppe Staff
Mugs. 1978 to
1987.
Vince Rychtanek
(847) 695-6751

WANTED

Nature or Scout
books of all kinds for
reference
library at Owasppe
Contact Mike Drazba
(800) 283-0830

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The OSA needs to get a room... well, sort of. The OSA needs to find a low cost hall to rent for functions such as a Pizza Night, the Children's Christmas Party, and Membership Input Meetings.

In the past, we were able to utilize the lodge at Camp Kiwanis. This no longer being the case we are in search of a room.

If you know of a Union Hall, Church, Fraternal Organization, etc. that has a room for rent let us know.

Mail the info to the P.O. Box or phone Vince Rychtanek at (847) 695-6751

The OSA on the NET

The OSA now has an official home page on the Internet. The address is [HTTP://our-world.compuServe.com/homepages/OSA_Rychtanek](http://our-world.compuServe.com/homepages/OSA_Rychtanek)

This homepage features information and news about the OSA and a calendar of events. In the near future it will also carry news about Owasppe, The Chicago Area Council as well as links of interest to OSA members. If you have access to the Internet, either at home through AOL, CompuServe, or Prodigy or at work, please check it out and send me your comments via the homepage or at 73374.1603 @ CompuServe.com

Addresses Needed

The membership committee reports that we need current addresses for the following members:

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Nicholas Lauerman
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